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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 4, 1999

APPLICATION OF

NOS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980152

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On March 9, 1999, NOS Communications, Inc. ("NOS" or "Company"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. By Order dated March 30, 1999, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to NOS' application. On May 19, 1999, Staff filed its report finding that NOS' application was in compliance with the Rules governing the offering of competitive local exchange telephone service, as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-180. Accordingly, Staff recommended granting a local exchange certificate to NOS conditioned on the Company

establishing an unaffiliated third-party escrow account for any customer deposits.

A hearing was conducted on June 2, 1999, at which time NOS filed all proofs of publication and proof of service as required by the March 30, 1999, scheduling order. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application, and the Staff report, the Commission finds that NOS should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout Virginia. Since the Company is financially dependent on affiliated companies and private ownership, its certificate shall be granted subject to the condition that any customer deposits collected by the Company be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) NOS Communications, Inc. is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-448, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules governing the offering of competitive local exchange service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) NOS shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) Should NOS collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party to hold such funds, and shall notify the Commission Staff of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or Commission determines necessary.

(4) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers placed in the file for ended causes.